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On Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 1679.

By His Majesties Special Command.



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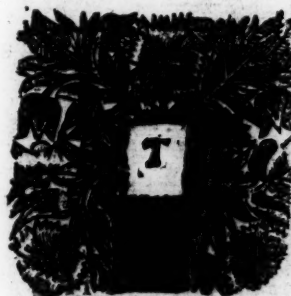
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To both Houses of

PARLIAMENT,

On Wednesday the 30th of April.

My Lords and Gentlemen,



*He Season of the  
Year advancing so  
fast, I thought it ne-  
cessary to put you in  
mind of Three Par-  
ticulars:*

1. Prosecution of the Plot.
2. Disbanding of the Army.
3. Providing a Fleet for Our  
common Security.

*And to shew you that whilst you  
are doing your Parts, My thoughts  
have*



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have not been mis-employ'd, but that  
it is My constant Care to do every  
thing that may preserve your Re-  
ligion, and secure it for the fu-  
ture in all Events; I have Com-  
manded my Lord Chancellor to men-  
tion several Particulars, which I  
hope will be an Evidence, that in  
all things that concerns the Pub-  
lique Security, I shall not follow  
your Zeal, but lead it.

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Lord Chancellors

S P E E C H

To both Houses of  
PARLIAMENT.

*My Lords, and you the Knights, Citizens, and  
Burgesses of the House of Commons,*



That Royal Care which His Ma-  
jesty hath taken for the Ge-  
neral Quiet and Satisfacti-  
on of all His Subjects, is  
now more Evident by these  
New and fresh Instances of  
it which I have in Com-

mand to Open to You.

His Majesty hath Consider'd with Himself,  
That tis not Enough that your Religion and  
Liberty is secure during His own Reign, but He  
thinks He owes it to His People to do all that in  
Him Lies, that these Blessings may be transmit-  
ted to your Posterity, and so well secur'd to them,  
that no Succession in after Ages may be able to  
work the Least Alteration.

And therefore His Majesty, who hath often  
said in this Place, That he is ready to consent

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to any Laws of this Kind, so as the same Extend  
not to alter the Descent of the Crown in the  
Right Line, nor to Defeat the Succession, hath  
not Commanded to be further Explained.

And to the End it may never be in the Power  
of any Papist, if the Crown Descend upon him,  
to make any Change either in Church or State,  
I am Commanded to tell you, That His Majesty  
is willing that Provision may be made, First to  
Distinguish a Popish from a Protestant Successor,  
Then to Limit and to Circumscribe the Au-  
thority of a Popish Successor in these Cases fol-  
lowing, that he may be disabled to do any Harm.

First in Reference to the Church, His Majesty  
is content that Care be taken that all Ecclesiasti-  
cal and Spiritual Benefices and Promotions in  
the Gift of the Crown, may be Confer'd in  
such a Manner, that we may be sure the Incum-  
bents shall always be of the most Pious and  
Learned Protestants, And that no Popish Suc-  
cessor, while he continues so, may have any pow-  
er to Controul such Presentments.

In Reference to the State and Civil part of the  
Government, As it is already Provided that no Pa-  
pist can sit in either House of Parliament, So the  
King is pleased that it be provided too, that there  
may never want a Parliament when the King  
shall happen to Die, but that the Parliament then  
in being may Continue in session for a Compe-  
tent Time, Or if there be no Parliament in being  
then the Last Parliament which was in being be-  
fore that time may Re-assemble and sit a com-  
petent time without any new Summons or  
Elections.

And as no Papist can by Law hold any Place  
of Trust, so the King is content that it may be  
further



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further Provided that no Lords or others of the Privy-Council, No Judges of the Common-Law, or in Chancery, shall at any time during the Reign of any Popish Successor be put in or displaced but by the Authority of Parliament. And that care also be taken that none but sincere Protestants may be Justices of Peace.

In Reference to the Military Part, The King is willing that no Lord Lieutenant, or Deputy Lieutenant, nor no Officer in the Navy during the Reign of any Popish Successor be put in or removed but either by Authority of Parliament, or of such Persons as the Parliament shall entrust with such Authority.

It is hard to invent another restraint to be put upon a Popish Successor, Considering how much the Revenue of the Successor will depend upon consent of Parliament, and how Impossible it is to raise money without such Consent. But yet if any thing else can Occur to the Wisdom of the Parliament, which may further Secure Religion and Liberty against a Popish Successor, without Defeating the Right of Succession it self, His Majesty will most readily consent to it.

Thus Watchful is the King for all your Safeties, and if He could think of any thing else that you do either Want or Wish to make you Happy, He would make it His business to Effect it for you.

God Almighty Long Continue this Blessed Union between the King and his Parliament and People.

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